# ROOSEVELT MAY BE FOR CORTELYOU

The Elimination of Taftis Likely to Give the New Yorker a Big Boost.

### PRESIDENT IS AGAINST HUGHES

Advocacy of New York Governor Two Years Ago Attributed to Opposition to Hearst, Not Friendship for Hughes. Attitude Is Important.

dropping Secretary Taft as a presiandidacy of Secretary Cortelyou is scdiscussed. Governor Hughes is

five of the new members appointed are from brewery cities, like Minneapolis and Milwaukee, or from States where prohibition has never made any head-way. There is little likelihood of that committee ever reporting any measure aimed at making the city "dry."

It develops that the bill proposed by All the the delizens of the District of Columbia to vote on the proposition to prohibit the sale of liquor, will have strong opposition from even temperance members.

For instance, Representative Carter Glass, of Virginia, a close personal friend of Capitain Lamb, says he cannot support the bill, since it proposes to leave the question to manhood suf-

lot in the District of Columbia."
Representative Sims, of Tennessee, an out-and-out prohibitionist, and a member of the Committee on the District of Columbia, said to-day that he would support the bill, provided that it be amended so as to allow the suffrage laws of Massachusatts to regulate those who may vote on the question. This would eliminate hundreds, probably thougands, of negroes.

# HAVE DESPERATE FIGHT

Desperate Negro Grabs Gue and Has to Be Beates Severely.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch J SALISBURY, N. C., December 23.—Sheriff J. Hodgs Krider, of Rowan county, had a desperate encounter heroto-day with Tom Bird, a desperado, wanted in South Carolina for a serious offense. Bird appeared in court against two white men, whom he alleged had robbed him, but was himself racognized as a fuglifice for whom a handsome reward had been offered. He snatched a shotgun and fought the sheriff until choked into lusensibility by officers.

Boy Dies From Leckjaw.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
LURAY, VA. December 25,—Virgit
Poneubsrgor, the thirteen-year-old son
of Jacob Poneubsrger, or Luray, died
at an early hour this morning from
lockjaw, caused by a wound infloted
by a hiank cartridge pistol. The wound
was infloted about ten days ago, since
which time Virgil has gradually grown
Worse.

### SEATTLE HARBOR MINED

### POSTPONE TROLLEY TIE-UP

No Strike in Philadelphia Until After

the Holidays.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., December 23.
he executive committee of the Ama

### GAVE LIFE TO SAVE SISTER

# COMPROMISE IN PERSIA

which hitherto has been an independent command, be placed under the Ministry of War, and, fifth that Russian officers of the Cossack Brigade shall only instruct the men not command them, as they have hitherto done. All the shops in Teheran are reopened to-day.

# COMPRESSED AIR KILLS FIVE

Serious Accident is Constructing Teanell Under River.

PARIS, December 23.—Five persons
were killed to-night by an explosion of
compressed air in the uncompleted
Metropolitan Subway tunnel under the
River Saine, near Notre Dame. The
accident was caused by a sudden sinking of a caisson fifty feet below the
surface of the water, which forced out
of position one of the great head
shields. The resulting rush of air
suddenly released huried five of the
workmen against the concrete wall,
killing them outright. The men in
other sections of the workings became
panic stricken, and a mad fight for the
ledder to the exit ensued in the darkness, but all got-out in safety.

# MADE BLIND BY GRIP

Hope Felt That Norfelk Boy's Sight
I Special to The Times-Dispatch I
NORFOLK, VA., December 23.—Alton
Bernard, son of Mrs. E. L. Bernard,
who was found to be blind following
an attack of grip, will, in the opinion
of Dr. F. S. Hope, regain his sight.
The lait had a savere attack of the
disease, and the family was stricken
with horror Friday night last when
he asked that the light in the room
he lighted. It was then that it was
found that he was blind. Specialists
have been called in the remarkable
case, It is admitted to he one of the
strangest cases ever reported in Portsmouth or Norfolk.

## MONEY FOR MONONGAH MEN

Caracgic Hero Commission Donates #35,000 for Relief.

PITTSBURG PA. December 23.—The ascentive committee of the Carnerie Hero Fund Commission met here to day and awarded \$15,000 to the sufferers of the Monongah W. Va., mine disaster, which occurred December 6th. The money will be turned over to the Monongah relief committee and used as this committee sees fit. The award is made under the Carnegie deed of trust which designates that any surplus in the hero fund can be applied to relief work occasioned by great disasters.

# GREENE AND GAYNOR MUST SERVE TERMS

Supreme Court Denies Writs of Certiorari, Ending Long Litigation.

### SERVE FOUR YEARS; A FINE OF \$575,749

Found Guilty in Georgia on Two Charges of Conspiracy and Embezzlement, and the District Court's Decision Must

cognizance of the matter, notwithstand-ing the case had been passed upon-by the Court of Appeals."

VAIDEN, MISS., December 23.

week in 1906.

banking.

# MARVELOUS EXCAVATION

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Colonel Goetinals Mailes Dirt Fly at Record Bate.

WASHINGTON, December 22.—The excavation from the Une of the Panama Canat last Month, aggregating 1,838,486 cubic yards, would have covered ten city blockly to a depth of forty feet. No such work has ever been done before as Colonel Goethals has been doing on the isthmus, according to statistics presented in the official canal record, just received.

For instance, it is shown that every fifty working days the commission is moving a bulk of material equal to the Fyramid of Cheops, which consumed the labor of 100,000 men for twenty years in the building, and the services of the same number of men for ten years in constructing the road connecting with the quarry. The commission could build the Suez Canal at the present rate of progress in thirty-eight years, though it took ten years for De Lesseps to complete his work.

According to the latest health report from Panama, the istimus has been free from yellow fever for more than eighteen months, and there has been a steady and continued improvement in the health conditions. Comparing the death rate for the year up to December 1st with that for the corresponding period in 1966, there has

paring the death rate for the year us to December 1st with that for the cor responding period in 1986, there habeen a 50 per cent, decrease.

### FOR ATTEMPTING BLACKMAIL

### LIGHTNING KILLS GIRLS

## DYNAMITE NEGRO HALLS

ALBANY, GA., December 23.—Advices from Kestler, a town on the Jeorgia, Florida and Alabama Rallway,

## \$350 Needed at Once

THE COMMITTEE ON CHRIST-MAS BASKETS FOR THE CITYS POOR FINDS THAT \$150 WILL BE NEEDED TO-MORROW TO SUP-PLY 297 DESTITUTE FAMILIES. WHOSE NAMES ARE NOT ON THE LISTS OF ANY OF THE CHARIT-ABLE ORGANIZATIONS OF RICH-MOND. CHECKS FOR THIS FUND SHOULD BE SENT NOW TO DR. JAMES BUCHANAN, SECRETARY, 1408 EAST FRANKLIN STREET.

Christmas Cheer

"Little Old, Solid Old Richmond"

with sures

While bank clearings for America fell off very largely last week, Richmond's bank clearings were 14 1-2 per cent. greater than during the same

This shows the effect of public confidence based on sound and honest

On Sunday, December 22, the Times-Dispatch printed 30 per cent.

This is only another example of the confidence which naturally follows

The merchants of Richmond know and have proved that The Times-

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more advertising than on the same day in 1906.

Dispatch is the greatest advertising medium in Virginia.

efficient and high-class service.

# THREE ARE KILLED IN FIERCE STREET DUEL

Welsh and Clyburn Are Shot Dead and Mobley is Fatally Wounded.

### FIST FIGHT FIRST; THEN SHOUTING

Welsh and Mobley Shake Hands After Encounter, but New Trouble Ensues, and Clyburn Intervenes, Only to Be Shot

Down.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., December 23.

### LAWRENCE IS DISABLED

Destroyer Plotilia Delayed by Slight Mishap.

PORT OF SPAIN, TRINIDAD, December 23.—The American torpedo-boa flotilla, which left here yesterday morning at 8 o'clock for Rio De Janeiro on its way to the Pacific, returned here to-day because of an accident

SAN JUAN, PORTO RICO, Deacmbor 21.—Benjamin Northway, a fireman on the United States battleship Missour, who was inuded here on Saturday suffering from peritonitis, died to-day. Northway's home was at Gloucester, Mass., and he enlisted at Boston. He will be buried in the San Juan Military Cemetery.

## BUCK SHOOTS HIMSELF

Rocky Mount, N. C., is on her washere.
Young Buck's physician believes he will recover. The wound would probably have proved fatal but for the facthat the builet struck a rib.

# SHOT WHILE GOING HOME

North Carolias Man Killed And Two
Young Men Are Accused.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., December
22.—Bennett Swalm, an industrious
White man, fifty years old, was killed
to-night in his one-horse wagon, while
en route to his hone just east of the
city. He was shot with a Flobert rife,
the ball taking effect in his neck.
Two young men, named Galewood and
McKnight, are charged with the crime,
They'are also accused of shooting at
negro, Dave Heelton, in the back, but
the wound is not regarded fatal, Gatewood and McKnight, it is alleged, were
drinking and having a good time, Gatewood is in jall, and the officers expect
to capture McKnight before morning. mourane sucrementant - mourane sucrementance

## IT LOOKS BAD FOR HARDEN

Important Witnesses Are Modifying Their Testimony Now. BERLIN, December 23.—The hearing of the Harden-Von Moltke case was slon being behind closed doors, but the afternoon court was reopened to the public after the examination of Frau Von Elbe, the divorced wife of Count Von Molike, during the course of which she modified her former testimony to such a surprising degree as to influence the position of the defense to a considerable extent. Frau Von Elbe withdrew some of her statements derogatory to Count Von Molike's character, and gave to other statements en had made an entirely different meaning than that previously implied. Her physicians being called to the stand, testified that she suffered from hearrastenia, and the medical expert. Dr. Hershfeldt, who at the first trial had declared that Count Von Molike was abnormal, thereupon withdrew his expert opinion, which had been given atter the sworn testimony of Frau Von Elbe on that occasion.

Detectives who were also put on the witness stand to-day gave evidence to the effect that nothing definite was known against Count Von Molike relative to any abnormality. The court appointed one of the judges to proceed to Munich to take evidence as to the reliability of Frau Elbe from Herri Harden's intimate friend, Professor Schweninger.

\*\*EEDERATION IS ENIGNED\*\*

Mr. Justice Harlan Stands for Dual Government by Constitution.

\*\*RIGHTS OF STATE\*\*

\*\*FUNDAMENTAL\*\*

Venerable Justice, Guest of Honor at Banquet of Kentucky Society, Decries Pessimistic Predictions as to Centralizing Tendencies and Refutes Assertion.

\*\*NEW YORK, December 23.—Associate Justice Harlan, of the United States Supreme Court, made a notable address to night at a dinner given at the Hotel Plaza by the Kentucky Association—notable as an expression from neof the foremest judicial authority. he afternoon court was reopened to

# HITCHCOCK SUPERSEDED

# NO ENCROACHMENT ON STATES' RIGHTS

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BIG IMMIGRATION INCREASE

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WASHINGTON, D. C., December 23.—
A 25 per cent, increase over the same period, last year in the himmigration from all countries to the United States in Shown in the monthly statement of the Dureau of Inmigration for November, 1907. It has also made the provided we fail in Mr. Vember, 1906. In addition there were layed who reached these shores, but who was charmed in the provided for the layed was a pure as the court of the provided for the layed was a pure as the fact that but wo more Japanese came to the United States in November, 1907. The statement is the fact that but wo more Japanese came to the United States in November, 1907. The statement is the fact that but wo more Japanese came to the United States in November, 1907. The statement of the statement is the fact that but wo more Japanese came to the United States in November, 1907. The statement of the Hitchconders are the state of the States in November, 1907. The statement is the fact that but wo more Japanese came to the United States in November, 1907. The statement is the fact that but were lately and at a fact of the States in November, 1907. The statement is the fact that but were lately and at the statement of the provided that the provided the statement is the fact that but were lately and the s